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AIR FREIGHT UP 5.4% IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 25 — Air freight increased 5.4 percent in February, compared to February a year ago, for the 21 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association, ATA announced today.

Domestic air freight in February rose 4.6 percent. Mail increased 7.0 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a 5.2 percent gain.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers in February was up 6.3 percent. Mail had a slight decline of 0.3 percent, resulting in a gain of 5.6 percent for the U.S. carriers' international cargo as a whole.

In the first two months of this year, domestic air freight rose 3.9 percent. Mail had a gain of 4.6 percent, and total cargo grew 4.1 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight during the first two months of 1987 was up 5.3 percent. Mail declined 3.8 percent. Total cargo rose 4.1 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
FEBRUARY 1987	302,071	98,408	400,479	248,353	30,885	279,238	550,424	679,717
FEBRUARY 1986	288,833	91,993	380,826	233,532	30,973	264,505	522,365	645,331
PERCENT CHANGE	4.6	7.0	5.2	6.3	(0.3)	5.6	5.4	5.3
2 MONTHS 1987	600,553	201,621	802,174	472,741	62,679	535,420	1,073,294	1,337,594
2 MONTHS 1986	578,248	192,667	770,915	449,158	65,129	514,287	1,027,406	1,285,202
PERCENT CHANGE	3.9	4.6	4.1	5.3	(3.8)	4.1	4.5	4.1

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.